Neologisms

The exhibition is voice operated. Please do not touch the devices.

Please note: The devices are only listening when the green light is on.

Script

Light Switch Device. Operation instructions: Approach device. Place hands on temples and state "mind power." Be convincing.

Illumination Device. Operation instructions: Approach device say "click". Use a cheerful and courteous intonation.

A Dog Translation Device. Approach device at dog height. Use dog-like expression (i.e.. *grrrrrr*) to trigger human translation. Understand what it is to be obedient. Listen closely.

Pre-Trigger Safety Lock Device. Approach weapon of state violence. Say "Diallo" to release safety lock and trigger.

Forthcoming:

Demonstration Elevator Panel. Operation Instructions: Approach panel. Say *up* or *down* to emulate request to trigger indicator lights. This device only recognizes Spanish. (*arriba* or *abajo*)

Word Detonation Device. WARNING: Be apprised that saying "explode" will detonate explosive charge in public site. You will be liable for any damage or injury caused by your word. Say "explode" to detonate.

Past Tense Movement Device. Say "blue".

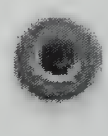
Willing Documentation Device. Take seat in camera view. Say "remember me." Take pose for commemoration in unknown database.

Neologues: Lightswitch Interface
Instructions: to operate this light switch, place hands on temple and clearly say: "mind power" This will activate the switch (i.e it will toggle) but does not turn on the light. Other uses of 'mind power' such as computer control through eeg's also have this concrete command functionality, without the capacity for nuanced verbal control.

Neologues: Light Interface
Instructions: to operate this light say 'click,' brightly.Configures/ scripts the 'user' to perform as if they were a switch, like many 'interactive' technologies

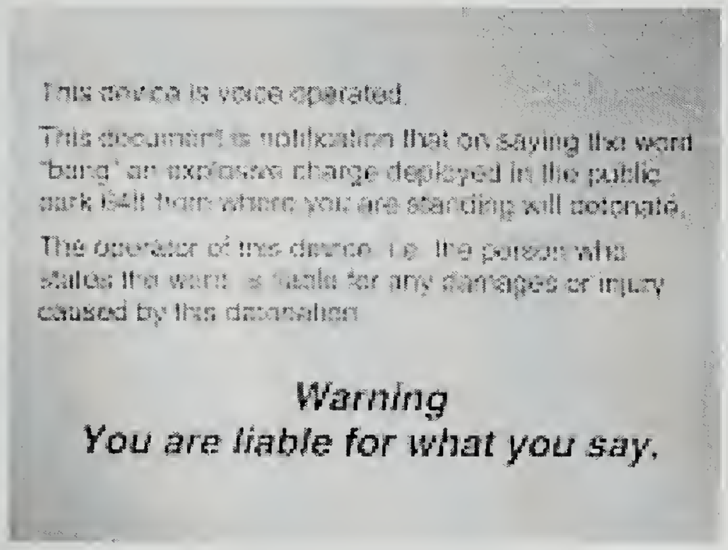
Neologues: Elevator Interface
Instructions: this elevator recognizes 'up' and 'down' in Spanish. There is no English language override, leaving many people stuck.

Neologues: Dog Translator
Instructions: the appropriate dog 'growl' is translated into human speech saying "I am your loyal servant". Addresses abstract reasoning capacities in dogs and so doing defies human-centric views of interaction.Other information technology for dogs project



Neologues: Bang Interface

Tele-operation of a bomb scripts 'user' interaction as if they are responsible. Although they did not design the interaction, nor place the bomb, and can only obediently follow instructions, it is the 'user' who is considered liable. This is similar to the problematic technocorporate 'the person who pulls the trigger' logic. While corporations profit from and script the interactions for obedient users, the user is made responsible for choices that are not entirely theirs.



This device is voice operated.

This document is notification that on saying the word "bang" an explosive charge deployed in the public park 64ft from where you are standing will detonate.

The operator of this device, i.e. the person who states the word, is liable for any damages or injury caused by this detonation.

Warning
You are liable for what you say.

Neologues: When things can talk, what do they say?

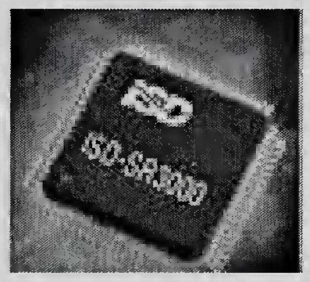
An analysis of what voice chips actually have said in products, why they have said what they said, and what they mean. The voice chip is a tool to understand in-situ product interactions: as the low fidelity voices of the chips interact with material culture, specific situations and actual use, they expose the mistakes and assumptions of scripted interactions and traditional analysis of human computer interaction. By literally listening to what the products say, voice chips are a fluorescent marker that simplifies the sociotechnical process of meaning.

Database of patents conflating technical functions and words (speech acts).
Database of voices in pervasive computing

Neologues: Now that we can talk to our things, what do we say?

Now that we can talk to our things, what do we say? A collection of, and analysis of speech recognition chips in the wild. That is, what has been implemented in ubiquitous computing devices, what they script and how this is emblematic of human machine interaction. Listening to what people say to their machines makes a comic theaterical performance of the assumptions built into human machine interactions. Speech is rich human centric data for analysis of complex socio technical phenomena.

Competition to design a speech recognition interface



ISD-SR3000 Embedded Speech Recognition Engine for command and control applications, released late 1999, is implemented in a Panasonic cell phone among other products